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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Examiner: Davis, Minh T.

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The re the Application of

Art Unit: 1642

Serial No. 09/519,665

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For: "Methods and Compositions)

for Modulating

Transcription Factor

Activity"

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

Applicant in the above-identified application, by their undersigned attorney, request and hereby petition for additional three (3) month to reply to the April 14, 2004 Official Action, which set a shortened statutory period for response of three months, i.e., until July 14, 2004.

The reason for this extension is that additional time is necessary to allow for the filing of a Continuation Application based on the above-identified application, without interrupting the co-pendency of the two applications. Once the Continuation Application is on file, the above-identified application will be permitted to become abandoned.

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In the event the fee calculation is in error, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to the account of Dann, Dorfman, Herrell and Skillman Deposit Account No. 04-1406. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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